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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: William F. AFTOORA

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For: LIQUEFIED WATER SOLUBLE ACIDITY-REDUCING FORMULATION  
FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRODUCTSCOMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant, through his attorney, hereby respectfully responds to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on December 17, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace currently pending claims 5, 7, 14-19 and 21 with amended claims 5, 7, 14-19 and 21, as set forth below:

B<sup>1</sup> 5. (amended) A liquefied soluble acidity reducing formulation comprising from about 15% to about 20% by weight of an edible bicarbonate, a soluble binder, water, and optionally a preservative, wherein the weight of said edible bicarbonate is based on the total weight of the edible bicarbonate, soluble binder and water, and wherein the formulation substantially excludes acidulent components. 7

B<sup>2</sup> 7. (amended) A liquefied soluble acidity reducing formulation consisting essentially of an edible bicarbonate, a soluble binder, water and optionally a preservative, wherein the formulation substantially excludes acidulent components.

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